The member next protested against the proposal of the Government to open a new road near the Arikada mosque at a very heavy cost, for the benefit of an interested person who owned property in the locality. As the construction of the proposed road would materially affect the Arikada mosque, the Muslim community as a whole had protested against the opening of the road. The public of Quilon had also passed resolutions emphasising the undesirability of wasting Government money in opening the road. The new road, which would be only 50 feet in length, would cost the Government an enormous sum for land compensation alone. Further, if the road was sanctioned, it would be necessary to remove a water tank attached to the mosque and thereby wound the religious sentiments of the Muslim community as a whole. In the circumstances, the member requested that the orders sanctioning the opening of the road might be immediately withdrawn and the grievances of the Muslim community in the matter redressed.

The member next urged the necessity for the construction of a bridge at the Kottayattu *kadavu* near the Tevalli Palace. The construction of the bridge would greatly add to the facilities of means of communication and would also give a great impetus to the development of trade. The subject was represented by the member at a previous session of the Assembly as a result of which the Chief Engineer inspected the place and had an estimate prepared for the work. But nothing further was done in the matter. Early steps should be taken for the construction of the bridge in question.

DEWAN'S REPLY: I hope to come to Quilon, Mr. Mahomed Kunju, at the end of this month and I shall look into the conditions of the Arikada mosque road.

The Kallukadavu road and the road north of the Quilon Bank buildings, are roads which should be attended to by the Municipal Council.

An estimate has been prepared for improving the Commercial canal, and the estimate is pending the sanction of Government, for want of contribution from the local Municipal Council.

The construction of a bridge near the Tevalli Palace would prove very costly and will have to wait till finances improve.

MEMBER: It is important for purposes of trade.

DEWAN: But it involves very heavy expenditure.

91. Needs of the Quilon town.

MR. M. K. ABDUR RAHIMAN KUTTI (*Municipal Council, Quilon*) said that though he himself and many other members had repeatedly represented about the urgent needs of the Quilon town for the past 10 years and more, nothing was done to grant the requests of the people. Most of the subjects included in the agenda had already been spoken about by the previous speaker and the member wanted

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only to speak about a few of the important questions not already dealt with.

The question of re-opening the old road from the Jew's shop junction in Chinnakada to the Quilon-Trivandrum road was one of the subjects for representation from the 21st session of the Assembly. The Municipal Council had also passed a resolution, agreeing to meet the preliminary expenses in connection with it. The objection of the Railway authorities should not stand in the way of opening the road. The needful should be done in the matter at an early date.

The Government had recognised the need for constructing a pier at Quilon at the 24th session of the Assembly. Early steps should be taken to satisfy this need.

The electrification of the Quilon town was an urgent matter. The Government should render all possible help in working out the scheme.

The Government had occupied *poramboke* lands in the town against the provisions of the Municipal Regulation and in disregard of the powers of the Municipal Council. The Municipal Regulation should be suitably amended or the Government should intimate to the Municipal Council that the Government had full powers in regard to the *poramboke* lands.

DEWAN'S REPLY; Mr. Abdur Rahiman Kutti, it is no good making too many representations. If you make one or two, possibly, they might be accepted. When you members, put in a list of thirty or forty suggestions, it is a physical impossibility to deal with them all. It is a very great difficulty to choose; and it is impossible to satisfy the members.

The re-opening of the old road from the Jew's shop junction is considered unnecessary and the cost of maintaining a railway level crossing will be incommensurate with the possible advantage.

The question of constructing a pier has been dropped.

The electrification of the town is a matter which should be worked out by the Council itself, and I understand that efforts are being made to find a contractor as was done at Kottayam.

The question of the occupation of *poramboke* lands against the provisions of the Municipal Regulation is engaging the attention of Government.

92. Needs of the Kottarakara taluk.

MR. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Kottarakara taluk*) said that the Kottarakara dispensary was located in an unsuitable thatched building. The necessity for converting the dispensary into a hospital had been repeatedly urged on the attention of the Government from the 22nd session of the Assembly onwards, but the grievances of the people in the matter remained still unredressed. If a hospital was established at

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